



**NORTH PARK**  
COVENANT CHURCH

MAY 10, 2026  
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PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God  
Hymnal Selection 31, arr. Sam Parnin  
Sam Parnin, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanette Mottl and Libby Piotrowski



CHORAL INTROIT

Father, I Adore You  
Sunday School Children  
Brian Ward, Director

Father, I adore You,  
and I lay my life before You.  
How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You...  
Spirit, I adore You...

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel Piotrowski  
based on Psalm 66

Bless the Lord, all you people, let the sound of his praise be heard!

**We will praise Him, the one who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

**I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.**

**Blessed be God! Amen.**

\* OPENING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name  
Beth Redman, Matt Redman  
Led by Rosie Boyd, Chris Hickey, Anders Johnson,  
Jeanette Mottl, Teg Piotrowski, and Erik Ward

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

A WORD FROM ANNA AND PETER KIM, SERVE GLOBALLY PERSONNEL

Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

Dave Dawson, Reader

Acts 17:22-31

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

\* Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Gaius Berg

CHORAL ANTHEM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
Hymnal Selection 399, arr. Harold M. Best  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

HOMILY

Libby Piotrowski

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, arr. Fernando Ortega

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.*

*Giving online at any time is also an option at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

O Perfect Love  
arr. Robert J. Powell

\* Sung Response 253, verse 3

He Lives

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 629

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing  
arr. Anthony Giamanco  
Brian Ward, Organ

*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out  
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

# Blessed Be Your Name

Matt and Beth Redman

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Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -  
Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -



ti - ful place, where Your streams of a - bun -  
- ert place, though I walk through the wild -



dance flow; bless - ed be Your name.  
er - ness, bless - ed be Your name.



E-very bless-ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.



When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord, still I will say: "Bless - ed be the



name of the Lord. Bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the



name of the Lord. Bless - ed be Your glor- i - ous name."

27

Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down  
 Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

30

on me, when the world's "all as it should be," bless - ed be Your name.  
 - fer - ing though there's pain in the off - er - ing bless - ed be Your name.

34

1. 2.  
 E - very bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to

39

praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say:

44

"Bless - ed be the name of the Lord. Bless - ed be Your name.

48

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord. Bless - ed be Your glor - i - ous name." *Fine*

53

You give and take a - way, you give and take a - way. My

58

2nd time, D.S al Fine  
 heart will choose to say, "Lord, bless - ed be Your name." You

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Traditional*

## Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

*Refrain (in unison)* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

*Stanzas* F/A F Dm B♭ C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.  
 died and has ris - en.  
 live for - ev - er.  
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 sing to our Sav - ior.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson  
arr. Fernando Ortega

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Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy  
Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith - er by thy help I'm  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to



5  
grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est  
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at  
be! Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to



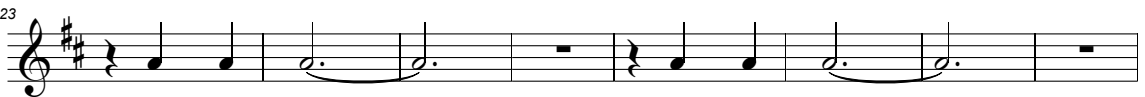
9  
praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of  
thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



13  
bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing  
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious  
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a -



17  
love. Here's my heart.  
blood.  
bove.



23  
Here's my heart. Here's my heart.



31  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

*Refrain*

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
he lives, he lives, he lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
he lives, he lives, he lives,

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

# 629 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain (in unison)*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

*Fine*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors of ev - 'ry  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

*D.C.*

feet, Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.  
 race, neigh - bors are near and far - a - way.  
 love; all are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

If you're new here today, we invite you to email the co-pastors at [copastors@npcovenant.org](mailto:copastors@npcovenant.org) to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

**Childcare is available** in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) during the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

**If giving digitally is more** your style, this handy QR code will take you directly to our online giving portal. It's a great pathway to one of the most powerful and sustainable ways to support NPCC. In the portal, you can make an account, set up recurring gifts, and even include a little extra to offset processing fees. However you give, know that we are deeply grateful for your generosity and doing all we can to equip this church family to live for God's glory and neighbors' good.



**Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant** that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

**Members and friends are invited** to be a part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up an area of our community inspired by this month's community prayer. They meet at 10 am each week, and this coming Saturday, you can join them at the intersection of Kimball and Catalpa. Please [reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith](#) for more details. All are welcome; no need to RSVP!

**The World Vision Global 6K is great** because you can do it anywhere! Whether you join from the treadmill, your favorite trail, the neighborhood, or the track, you'll bring life-changing clean water to those who need it most. Sue Vandervoort is pulling together an NPCC team this year, and we encourage you to join her on Saturday, May 16, at 10 am to walk and raise money for clean water all over the world. Let Sue know (773-769-1963, no texts, please) if you'd like to join her! To join the NPCC team, please [click here](#). Or, to donate to Sue's efforts, please [click here](#).

**On Saturday, May 16, all\* are invited** to a wedding shower for Sofie Piotrowski and Simon Peterson. The shower will take place in the church parlors at 1 pm. You can [view Sofie and Simon's registry here](#).

\* Guys can come, too—keep Joel and Kurt company!

**The last meeting of the year** for the North Park Readers will be on Tuesday, May 26 at 7 pm. We will meet at Tre Kronor and will discuss *An American Summer* by Alex Kotlowitz. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Arkema at [helen.arkema@gmail.com](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**On Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 3 pm, Sam Parnin** will perform an organ recital here at NPCC! It will include works by J.S. Bach, Jean Langlais, Charles-Marie Widor, Dieterich Buxtehude, and more! The program will showcase a variety of styles, moods, and sounds. While the music will be the main focus, there will also be commentary on the background of the pieces and composers. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, May 17:**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Sam Parnin and Eunji Lee invite you** to share in their joy as they are married in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 am, followed by a reception in our parlors. [Please RSVP here.](#) Eunji and Sam's [registry can be found here.](#)

**As we celebrate the good work done** by North Park Church Cooperative Preschool, we invite you to send in your photos and memories of the Preschool over the years. Any photos and stories you would like to share can be emailed to Ann-Marie in the church office. We will collect these to share with the church at a celebration in honor of the Preschool in the fall.

**NPU Student Assistance Over the Summer:** A wonderfully tangible way to care for students at North Park University is to contribute to the [Viking Pantry](#), the community food pantry on campus. During the summer break (May 9-August 9), the dining hall is not open. Therefore, there is no access to food and basic needs. For students who remain on campus, this can be especially difficult.

Through Sunday, May 17, we will collect items to bring to the pantry. There is a labeled bin in the narthex for your donations. Please see [the Amazon Wish List](#) here.

**The Friendship Center seeks** passionate community members to join its Board of Directors at a time when food insecurity is rising in our communities. They especially welcome candidates with experience in marketing, communications, or development/fundraising, though all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Board members are asked to participate in bi-monthly meetings and a modest annual give/get commitment to support our mission. If interested, please contact Steve Paska at [stevepsk@gmail.com](mailto:stevepsk@gmail.com).

**Covenant missionaries Fabio and Johnna Muniz** and their two girls will be returning to the States, specifically the North Park neighborhood, for a year, beginning August 6. The girls will attend Peterson School, and the family will live in seminary housing beginning September 1. It will be really fun to have them around, and they hope to get involved at NPCC. However, they are need of a couple things:

1. Temporary housing between August 6 and September 1
2. A car that fits four that they can use for the year (They are willing to rent from someone.)

If you are willing or able to consider either of these requests, please reach out to Pastor Libby, and she will put you in contact with the Muniz family.

**We always welcome people** who are willing to hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down](#) for a Sunday or two—thank you!

## *for your prayers this week*

- **Community prayer:** With the school year coming to a close and all of the exciting and difficult changes that come with that transition, we pray specifically for the students, staff, and faculty at North Park University and Northeastern Illinois University.
- Zeynab's daughter, **Soofia**, has been granted asylum after a lengthy stay in a detention center; please pray for a speedy reunion with her mother and brothers
- **Kensey Colon**, who will begin six rounds of chemotherapy starting May 11
- **Dorothy Schmidt**, who has a wound on her leg that isn't healing properly
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating following surgery to repair a dislocated hip; while hospitalized he was diagnosed with a blood infection
- **Ann Marie Strom**, recuperating following surgery to remove a melanoma
- **Eileen Thorpe**, on hospice care
- **Shirley Finney**, Janice Finney's mother, on hospice care
- **Betty Boyd**, Jon's mother, on hospice care
- **Sara Gortner**, Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, home from the hospital and suffering side effects of chemotherapy
- **the Buffalo Grove High School community**, who tragically lost a beloved staff member in an accident right outside of school recently
- **the families of the officers shot**, one of whom fatally, at Swedish Hospital on April 25
- **Tami Losey**, Marti Hindaileh's sister, diagnosed with bone degeneration in her spine, as well as arthritis, which is causing the pain she's been experiencing
- **Steve Brown**, home again after being hospitalized with an infection
- **Doug**, Rosemary Slaughter's cousin's son, diagnosed with stage 1 cancer, and she asks that we pray he will come to know the Lord and experience healing
- Joline and Steve Paska's friend **Maggie**, now in remission and anticipating immunotherapy treatments over the next two years
- **Barb and John Goode**, as they adjust to life with in-home caregivers
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, awaiting word about their asylum case
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Darlene Johnson**, recovering from a badly broken wrist
- **Melanie Jones**, for strength to live with chronic pain
- **Anna and Peter Kim**, missionaries in Taiwan, request prayer for Peter, as he continues to work as a counselor in training; for wisdom and help to know how best to provide Eva a good future in the midst of her special needs; and for their children, as they all look for summer jobs

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## The Church Calendar This Week

*The calendar is available at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

### *Monday, May 11*

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 3:45 pm Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 4 pm Tutoring (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, May 12*

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)  
Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)  
Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)

### *Wednesday, May 13*

- 10 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
- 3:45 pm Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Last Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal of the Season (Sanctuary)  
Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Coffee Lounge)
- 7:15 pm Last Chancel Choir Rehearsal of the Season (Choir Room)

### *Thursday, May 14*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, May 15*

- 1 pm Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

### *Saturday, May 16*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am World Vision 6K Walk for Water (Meet in South Garden)
- 11 am BravoStudios Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1 pm Piotrowski/Peterson Wedding Shower (Parlors)

*Sunday, May 17*

9:15 am      Adult Formation (Parlors)  
                  Art Journaling (Art Room)  
                  Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)

10:30 am     Worship (Sanctuary)

12 pm         Youth Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)

1:30 pm      Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)

7 pm         AA Meeting (Parlors)

